

**FAUQUIER COUNTY  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

July 5, 2017

4:00 p.m.

Warren Green Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

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**Attendance:**

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)  
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)  
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)  
Bryan Jacobs (Lee District Representative)

**Absent:**

Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)  
Reta Rodgers (Cedar Run District Representative)  
John Toler (Scott District Representative)

**Staff:**

Wendy Wheatcraft, Preservation Planner  
Maureen Williamson, Staff

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1. Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.
2. The June 7, 2017 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ms. Root made a motion to approve the minutes, as corrected. Mr. Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.
3. Ongoing Business
  - Farm Building Workshop in October 2017

Ms. Root told the ARB that she and Ms. Wheatcraft met with Agriculture Development Department Director Ray Pickering to discuss a possible educational partnership event with the annual Farm Tour and Field Day with the purpose of bringing attention to historic agricultural outbuildings. Mr. Pickering explained that this year's tour will be centered on the southern half of the county with an October date, which is not yet published. Ms. Root said that the scale of what the ARB chooses to do will depend upon the date of the Farm Tour and the farms chosen to be on the tour. Ms. Root went on to say that Mr. Pickering was supportive of ARB participation.

As there is no date yet set for the Farm Tour, Ms. Wheatcraft is waiting to contact the Department of Historic Resources and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to pursue possible public educational sessions concerning the Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and the Century Farm Program. Ms. Wheatcraft also expressed a wish to contact Danae Peckler with the National Barn Alliance.

Ms. Wheatcraft suggested a Friday event scheduled the day before Farm Tour that would be tailored mostly for property owners. Ms. Root noted her interest in the development of a brochure discussing how to save or preserve and repurpose farm buildings for secondary purposes such as agritourism.

Ms. Wheatcraft said that she would follow up with Mr. Pickering regarding a firm date and obtain a list of farms that are going to be included in this year's tour.

#### 4. New Business

- Discussion Regarding New County Battlefield and Military Sites Plan  
Ms. Wheatcraft said that there is an action item in Chapter 2 that calls for the development of a County battlefield and military sites protection plan. She feels that one way to fund such a plan is through the application of a grant from the American Battlefields Protection Program (ABPP).

Mr. Lee brought up a pending matter that he felt deserved the attention of the ARB, involving a request made by the Mosby Heritage Area Association (MHAA) who proposed placement of a conservation easement on a County-owned property in Upperville. The Land Trust of Virginia would be willing to hold the easement, as the property has significant historic and cultural value for its connection to the Battles of Unison and Upperville. Mr. Lee felt that it would be helpful if the ARB endorsed the concept of a voluntary conservation easement. In regard to a battlefield plan he said that Childs Burden or another party from the MHAA may be able to tell us what they think are significant features in terms of military sites in northern Fauquier County that may or may not have been protected or recognized. Ms. Wheatcraft said that the development of a military sites plan would be a long-term project and is currently in an early discussion phase. Ms. Root said that a military sites master plan would be an excellent resource should the County go forward with its development.

Ms. Wheatcraft said she would contact ABPP regarding the possibility of grant funding for this project. She does not feel that this project would be as costly as others because the ABPP could build on past work. She told the ARB that the grant period opens in October and closes in January. Ms. Root noted her interest in taking a look at the MHAA master plan for the Aldie, Middleburg, and Upperville Battlefields so as not to duplicate what has already been done.

The ARB had a brief discussion about Revolutionary War activity within the County and mentioned that Mr. Toler may know what significance the County played in the Revolutionary War. Ms. Wheatcraft also noted that there may be activity in the County related to the War of 1812 due to the County's close proximity to Washington, D.C. She stated that there appears to be a lot that we do not know about past military activity and the potential for historic military sites within the County.

Ms. Root noted two resources that may be helpful to the development of a county battlefield and military sites plan. They include: *Fauquier During the Proprietorship* written by H.C. Groome and a document published by Citizens for Fauquier County titled, *The Upper Rappahannock River Mapping Project: The Civil War in Culpeper and Fauquier Counties 1862-1864*, written by John S. Salmon and Stephen M. Thompson in October 2013. Ms. Root noted that the latter document was published with the assistance of grant funding from the ABPP, and the Warrenton Public Library has a copy in the Virginiana room.

#### 5. Announcements

- 2016-2017 Cost Share Grant Project for Upperville Historic District Update Wrapping Up

Ms. Wheatcraft said that the Upperville Historic District grant is winding down and reported that the final grant product has not yet been submitted but is expected soon.

- 2017/2018 Cost Share Grant Project for Midland Historic District Beginning  
Ms. Wheatcraft reported that the County received a grant for finalizing the National Register nomination of the Midland Historic District. She said that survey work and a draft nomination was completed by a consultant in 2011 but was never officially submitted to DHR. She said that the County is only \$4,000 as match contribution for the grant, as the chosen consultant will not have to start the project from scratch.

Mr. Lee asked if there was an opportunity for University of Mary Washington to bid on these types of small projects. Ms. Wheatcraft said that she did not know if the Center for Historic Preservation at the University of Mary Washington continued to actively bid on these types of projects. She noted that they, at one time, took on archaeological studies, but this was done years ago. Ms. Wheatcraft said that she could contact Professor Michael Spencer at the university to find out. Mr. Lee said that he continues to hope that the ARB can identify a service that for a reasonable price, can conduct survey and complete National Register nominations for those Fauquier residents who wish to pursue this work.

- Mr. Lee announced that the Greater Piedmont Area Association of Realtors (GPAAR) hosted a tour of Marshall that involved Kim Johnson providing an overview of the proposed Marshall Code. Mr. Lee asked Ms. Wheatcraft if there were any questions or concerns expressed from participants about the Code. Ms. Wheatcraft said that the group had only a few questions after Ms. Johnson gave a brief presentation and the questions seemed to be answered satisfactorily. Ms. Wheatcraft said that the last Planning Commission public hearing for the Marshall Code was scheduled for Thursday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2017.